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FALLACIES AND FACTS.

In an interview with the Star-Bulletin yesterday, a Honolulu expressed the belief that one of two ways must be taken by Honolulu to secure the maximum of efficiency in city government—either to get the foremost businessmen of Honolulu upon the board of supervisors or to adopt the city manager system and put the city's affairs in the hands of one strong businessman.

Without questioning the good results which might develop from the first plan, it is neither feasible nor, if feasible, would in the long run be conducive to sound city government. The second plan is both feasible (if we except the political factor) and in the long run it would be conducive to sound government.

The first plan is not feasible because seven foremost businessmen couldn't be induced to serve upon the board of supervisors under the present form of government; because even if they could be induced to serve there would be extreme difficulty in getting them elected.

The plan would not be conducive to sound government because it would not be sound business. Neither Honolulu nor any other American city of 50,000 or more can expect its leading businessmen to give up the major portion of their time to municipal office—and the men who actually run large towns and cities must give up most of their time to it or the administration will be a failure.

Sound city government means businesslike city government. No sound business runs on charity, and that is what Honolulu would be running on if it had to depend primarily upon men giving up their private business day after day and month after month in order to take public office.

The man who takes any important city office in Honolulu today must make the public service his first business; he must call early, sit close and stay late, or his activity gets only 50 per cent of its potential force.

He must be "on the job" for the city all or nearly all the time. He must be accessible to the public all or nearly all the time. He must be able at any moment to drop his personal affairs to look after public affairs.

Honolulu's city government has grown too large to be handled by a few minutes of attention each day.

The form of our local municipal government precludes the possibility of seven leading businessmen meeting as boards of directors meet, to pass upon policies, relying upon their manager to carry out the details. There is no manager to carry out details of civic affairs. There are half a dozen departments, loosely connected, there is a mayor who is not expected by the majority of voters to be of big business caliber. The board of supervisors cannot possibly act as a board of directors under the present system. They must divide into committees and these committees must hold many long meetings, must not only decide matters of detail, but see that they are carried out.

In times of grave emergency, such as fire, flood or epidemic, the crisis invariably brings the leading businessmen to the front. They take charge for a few days; the crisis passes; they return to their businesses.

In Galveston, in Dayton, in several other American cities, out of just such crises grew the short-ballot and city-manager forms of government. Emergencies forced upon the public and a realization that the cities must be run not on the haphazards of politics but upon the proved principles of business.

All over the country, towns and cities are turning city managers. The result has not been against the American tenet of popular participation in local self-government. On the contrary, the removal of bossism, of political deals and trades and manipulations, has given the voters new interest in their government. Larger votes are polled than before—proof conclusive that more citizens are taking active part in their civic affairs.

It is useless for Honolulu to expect to get seven or five of its leading businessmen upon the board of supervisors under the present system. There will be very great difficulty for years to come to get them under any system of popular voting unless they get out and play the political game earnestly and consistently.

But with a city manager whose brains and experience make him worth \$10,000 or \$15,000 a year, a board of supervisors made up of the so-called average citizens ought to produce a good record; furthermore, men of large business affairs could accept office on the board without material sacrifice of time necessary for private interests.

PATRIOTISM.

(By Lyman Abbott in The Outlook.)

A nation is made great, not by its fruitful acres, but by the men who cultivate them; not by its mines, but by the men who work in them; not by its railways, but by the men who build and run them. America was a great land when Columbus discovered it; Americans have made of it a great Nation.

In 1776 our fathers had a vision of a new nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Without any army they fought the greatest of existing world empires that they might realize this vision. A third of a century later, without a navy they fought the greatest navy in the world that they might win for their nation the freedom of the seas. Half a century later they fought through an unparalleled civil war that they might establish for all time on this continent the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. A third of a century later they fought to emancipate an oppressed neighbor, and, victory won, gave back Cuba to the Cubans, sent an army of schoolmasters to educate for liberty the Filipinos, asked no war indemnity from their vanquished enemy, but paid him liberally for his property. Meanwhile they offered land freely to any farmer who would live upon and cultivate it, opened to foreign immigrants on equal terms the door of industrial opportunity, shared with them political equality, and provided by universal taxation for universal education.

The cynic who can see in this history only a theme for his egotistical satire is no true American, whatever his parentage, whatever his birthplace. He who looks with pride upon this history which his fathers have written by their heroic deeds, who accepts with gratitude the inheritance which they have bequeathed to him, and who highly resolves to preserve this inheritance unimpaired and to pass it on to his descendants enlarged and enriched, is a true American, be his birthplace or his parentage what it may.

The women of the Child Welfare Committee have made a wise decision in declining to postpone Baby Week again. The week of April 24-30 is the most feasible of any early date, and to put off the event for a month or until after the summer vacations would be to lose all the valuable momentum the movement has acquired. Interest is high now; there is cooperation on every side; the subject has taken strong hold on popular fancy. Next fall all the useful publicity work which the women have done effectively would have to be done over again. Honolulu's curse is starting public movements and dropping them after a few weeks. Baby Week can be carried through to a splendid success and as it is quite the most important event scheduled for the week beginning April 24, there is no reason why men and women of Honolulu should not be willing to make it first in the plans for that week.

Almost three thousand passengers have been brought to Honolulu by the Hill liner Great Northern since December 3. That is sufficient explanation of the fact that Honolulu was willing to put up more than \$25,000 bonus to keep the liner on the run.

Five columns of Carranzistas were converging on Villa a few days ago, but if the censorship weren't so strict we should probably find that they didn't converge fast enough to get themselves within range.

The dentists are saying that insanity is often caused by teeth. The sight of Teddy's sozodonts certainly seem to affect Mr. Barnes' reason unfavorably.—Minneapolis Journal.

Charlie Chaplin gets \$670,000 a year under his new contract. And still countless teachers tell countless young Americans that some day they may grow up to be president!

"War Plot in Labor Circles Is Exposed," says a headline, but headlines about war plots no longer create a sensation here.

Every other day the Allies get together in a close harmony chorus entitled "We'll Never Quit Until We Stop."

The Army and Navy forever—in the hands of politicians.

Yuan isn't going to have any third-term possibilities.

Letters OF THE WEEK

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

REPUBLICAN DELEGATES.

Honolulu, Hawaii.

Editor Star-Bulletin:—Sir—I have recently seen your editorial, "More Enlightenment," in which you score Chairman Andrews for something he said regarding your legitimate office of "publishing the news."

Mr. Andrews' reference to you may have been careless, but, in the main, his criticism was well based, I believe. He said he did not know who the delegates to the Chicago national Republican convention are going to be. Who does? He shouldn't know, or anybody else.

There may be pretty good reason to suspect, and it is quite right to plan nominations; the final election of these candidates rests with the assembled delegates at the territorial convention.

If there is, there shouldn't be anything cut and dried about the matter. You speak of the "real leaders" of the G. O. P. in Hawaii.

Who are they? Not necessarily the "active" politicians or members of county and territorial central committees, by any means.

It doesn't matter who is "recognized" or not recognized; one is no more eligible than the other. There is nobody here who has a right to recognize or not recognize. The real leaders are intrinsically and ought to be actively those Americans who have been loyal supporters of the ideals and policies of the Republican party.

I have nothing against Mr. Holstein, but I am sure he is not vain enough to call himself a "leader" here.

Delegate Kuhio—is he even a Republican?

If so, why should he have opposed the appointment of a Republican governor?

And, in the name of the ten thousand gods, why should our good delegate to Congress be foisted upon West Hawaii as its delegate to the Republican convention?

Mr. Beers has held political office and may command votes, but is no sense is he a representative Republican, nor is he constituted to be one. Why should he go instead of some other?

Why should only a few "inside" rustlers for personal politics be invited to the Honolulu slating conference?

Here is Bowman of Hilo who would much better represent East Hawaii, or West, either. We have Frank Greenwell, T. C. White, J. P. Curtis or L. S. August, all good Republicans, who would give our delegation character.

You say that there has been no position "to the six men than picked out."

Why should there be, if, as you say further on, "the Star-Bulletin repeats that the names chosen last Tuesday and published by the Star-Bulletin on Wednesday are the names of the men who will go to Chicago, as the situation now rests. The slate is definite, and it will not be changed unless one or another of the six does not wish to go to Chicago, or there is an entirely unexpected change in the political lineup."

That sounds final enough. But is it fair play, is it good politics? Is it the sort of politics we want at the national Republican convention? Not by a jug or a convention full.

Who shall go should rest with the meeting of the territorial delegates, and while I (an American citizen) fully qualified and authorized by virtue of my citizenship and residence here to meddle in this matter) believe that we should try to adjust things amicably and with the least friction and agree upon a wise delegation, I acknowledge that we should even fight against an appearance of political high-handedness.

We've come to a time in Hawaii when political bosses can't boss. The real Republicans are waking up to a sense of their political duty and activity and our support should be given to them.

It's our business to see that some things are done here and not others. If we do, there'll be no danger of having all our offices filled by outsiders, who are ignorant of us and our needs.

"If you could come with a backing from West Hawaii," well and good, I am told. I could come with it, but shall not ask it as I have too much outside work to do.

That should not keep Greenwell, White, Bowman or some other from getting it.

The Star-Bulletin speaks with authority, yet its policy has only lately become Republican, if indeed it is so now.

Mr. Farrington and his paper were anti-Taft all through his administration. Your Progressive policies helped to dethrone the Republicans.

With the election of Mr. Wilson, and, possibly previous to it, your support was given to the Democratic administration, and until very recently indeed you have rigidly opposed Mr. Roosevelt. This, at least, is the opinion of all your readers.

I am not speaking of the editor's personal preferences, but of your public policies and advocacies.

And while your right to independent opinion is unquestioned, the Star-Bulletin, I am sure, would be the last to call itself anything but coldly and unequivocally independent or "mugwump." It has even leaned to the Democratic side.

Col. Roosevelt himself in a letter to me has criticized your attitude and statements (from some copies of your paper I sent to him).

Personally, let me say, I have no fault to find with the individual members of the delegation as it is fashioned.

But are they the best men for the work to be done by them?

That is the question. Kuhio is well-known in Washington. He could do much more good as an unofficial representative.

Has it occurred to the "leaders" that unofficial or "guest" representation at the convention has its influence, and that some of our good Republicans who have the time, money and inclination to go might do very good work by their presence in Chicago next June?

The unofficial attendance that took no public part in the Democratic convention previous to the presidential election of 1892 had a great deal more to do in giving the Democratic party its first political significance than did the delegations.

The former was the vis a tergo.

And in 1892 the "unrepresenting" delegation's presence at the convention had much to do with the contested victory of Mr. Blaine's final nomination.

Rice, of course, goes. He "knows the ropes," but, as it happens in his case, that does not disqualify him.

In the place of Baldwin of Maui why not send an older, more influential man?

In place of Beers—Greenwell, Bowman, Holmes or several others here who might go.

In place of Kuhio, who should go unofficially, Thurston, Conkling or Frear.

These are good Republicans, not ex-Progressives, or pro-sub-rosa-quo Democrats, who might be thought of, though too modest to suggest themselves.

Others: Dr. Cooper, E. E. Conant, R. H. Allen, R. O. Matheson, J. F. Cowan of Kohala and many more, not active politicians, but the best stuff for political activity. You bet!

E. S. GOODHUE.

Personal Mention

GEORGE A. COOL, manager of the Hilo Tribune, is in Honolulu on business.

LIEUT. H. W. HALL, U. S. A., and Mrs. Hall have written to Honolulu that mail will reach them at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Lieut. Hall is now with the 3rd Cavalry.

MRS. ALICE RUSS SYKES, one of the owners of the famous old Russ House in San Francisco, is a visitor in Honolulu. She will make a tour of the islands before returning to her home.

Fred Leighton, city editor of the Concord Monitor, and one of the oldest newspaper men in years of service in New Hampshire, is dead. He was a charter member of the New Hampshire branch of the Sons of the American Revolution.

AT NOON

Saturday, April 1, 1916

The fine Mercer premises at Ocean View, Kaimuki, costing \$26,000, will be sold at auction at the rooms of Jas. F. Morgan Company, Limited, Merchant Street.

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—GEORGE M. COLLINS, city engineer: Improvements under the frontage tax are well under way now. Manoa, Lualaba, Seaview, Beach walk, Kalakaua avenue—all will go through eventually, I believe. I will be relieved when work on the first one is actually started, though.

—H. E. WESCOTT: It has been suggested that the city has no money to establish a municipal garage at present. It would take but a very small outlay to start out on a modest scale and there would be great savings effected. A machine shop could be set up in a corner of the stables, and with a competent mechanic in charge a lot of work could be done.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIED.

MAKAKOA-HILO—In Honolulu, Mch. 27, 1916, John Makakoa and Miss Mabel Hilo, Peter N. Kahakuoluna, agent to perform the marriage service, officiating. Witnesses, Kupa-ni and William Hilo.

WONG-LIU—In Honolulu, March 25, 1916, Wong Lou and Miss Liu Atai, Rev. Kong Yin Tet, pastor of St. Peter's church, Emma street, officiating. Witnesses, Wong Tai Yau and Kwai Yin Ching.

DIED.

WAILUA—In Honolulu, March 25, 1916, Wailua (k) of Iwilei, unmarried, longshoreman, a native of Hawaii, 50 years old.

MATSUNANI—In Honolulu, March 28, 1916, Yeukichi Matsunani, male, single, 41 years 6 months of age.

MOTTA—In Honolulu, March 28, 1916, Nana Amelia Motta, Prospect street, widow, age 68 years.

American farmers are all blown up about the fact that 25,000,000 pounds of dynamite was used for agricultural purposes in this country last year.

BEN MENDIOLA WILL TALK TO BOYS AT Y. M.

Local Globe Trotter Returns From Trip; Will Draw Cartoons on Monday Night

Ben Mendiola, a globe trotter, who lived in Honolulu for a number of years, and who has just returned from a tour of the world, will be the guest of honor at the Employed Boys' Supper at the Y. M. C. A. on Monday evening, April 3.

Mr. Mendiola has made a reputation as a cartoonist, and during the evening he will draw a number of black-board sketches of incidents that happened during his recent tour. He left New York last year on the Henrich Iben and went from there to Panama, later going to Chili and other South American countries.

Upon leaving South America the local globe trotter visited India, where the Indian troops were drilling for the campaign in France and he later visited Egypt, Spain and saw much of the troops of the warring countries in France and Italy. In his drawings he will attempt to describe the situations as he found them, explaining them in a talk before the members of the boys' club.

BUILDING PERMITS.

M. E. Silva, owner. Location, Wailua, Oahu. 400 ft. from Wailua Hotel. Dwelling. Tong Tai, builder and architect. Estimated cost, \$1200.

Y. Sakai and Ewata Co., owners. Location, Iwilei, Ewa side of Iwilei road, 100 ft. from Rice Mill lane. Dwelling. Y. Sakai, architect. S. Chira, builder. Estimated cost, \$700.50.

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